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WHITEFIELD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND

Sanitary Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

1955

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1955.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District of Whitefield.

June, 1956.

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1955 on the health and sanitary conditions of the district.

Since 1948 the health duties of the Council have been restricted to the physical environment and epidemic diseases. The physical environment means principally housing and food hygiene. Epidemic diseases have, for the past few years, been notable for their absence. Measles, and to a lesser extent, whooping cough, constitute the most common infections.

The Council is not faced with a serious housing problem insofar as unfit houses are concerned. The majority of the houses in Whitefield are of modern construction.

Thirteen houses were represented for clearance within the Hillock Area and the Ministry confirmed the representation early in 1955. A further 22 houses have been represented in the same area. Joint consultation with the Lancashire County Council and the Manchester City Council is proceeding in regard to the housing of overspill population from Manchester in the Hillock Area.

The Council completed 42 houses during the year. In addition 27 were completed by private enterprise. The number of applicants for re-housing at 31st December last was 238.

According to the Registrar General, the estimated population for mid 1955 was 12,960 compared with a figure of 13,020 for 1954. The adjusted live birth rate was 13.4 and the adjusted death rate was 12.6 per 1,000 of the population. The rates for England and Wales were 15.0 and 11.7 respectively. There were six deaths of infants under one year of age and all of these occurred within the first week of life; death was due to prematurity or congenital defects. There was one maternal death.

A special enquiry was made in connection with the use of Chinese egg albumen. Salmonella organisms were found in a number of samples and confectioners were advised about the precautions necessary to make this product safe. No cases of infection were traced to this source.

In connection with meat inspection, there is no local slaughtering except at one slaughterhouse which deals only with horses.

No samples of milk were found to contain tuberculosis, but ten samples of ordinary raw milk out of 23, and three samples of pasteurised milk out of 20, were unsatisfactory in regard to bacteriological content.

The water supply has been generally satisfactory.

I wish to thank the Members of the Council and Staff for their advice and assistance during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C.H.T. WADE,

Medical Officer of
Health.

Table I. - STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Area - 3,261 acres.

Population - Registrar General's estimate of resident population, mid 1955 12,960

Number of inhabited houses, according to Rate Book at the end of 1955 - 4,526.

Rateable value, 1955 - £87,913.

Sum represented by a penny rate, 1955/6 - £343.

Table II. - VITAL STATISTICS.

		Total.	M.	F.	
Live Births	Legitimate	166	81	85	Birth-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population - 12.8.
	Illegitimate	6	4	2	
	Total	172	85	87	
Still Births		8	3	5	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births - 46.
Deaths (all ages).		154	78	76	Death-rate per 1,000 of the estimated average population - 11.9.

Adjusted birth-rate - 13.4 (comparability factor) - 1.05.

Adjusted death-rate - 12.6 (comparability factor) - 1.06.

Deaths from Puerperal causes :-

Puerperal Sepsis	Nil.
Other Maternal causes	1.

Deaths of infants under one year of age :-

	Total.
Legitimate	4
Illegitimate	2
Total	6

All infants per 1,000 live births.	36
Deaths from Cancer (all ages).	19
" " Measles (all ages).	Nil.
" " Whooping Cough (all ages).	Nil.

WHITEFIELD U.D.	Live Births.		Deaths (all causes).		Stillbirths.		Maternal Mortality.		Infant Mortality. Total.		Infant Mortality. Neo-natal.	
	No. registered.	Rate per 1000 pop'n.	No. registered.	Rate per 1000 pop'n.	No. registered.	Rate per 1000 total births.	No. of deaths registered.	Rate per 1000 live births.	No. of deaths registered.	Rate per 1000 live births.	No. of deaths registered.	Rate per 1000 live births.
Year 1955	166	12.8	154	11.9	8	46	1	5.75	6	36	1	36
" 1954	147	11.3	185	14.2	8	52	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
" 1953	171	13.2	139	10.7	3	17	Nil	Nil	5	29	4	23
" 1952	177	13.7	177	13.7	3	17	Nil	Nil	3	17	3	17
" 1951	168	13.0	174	13.5	7	40	2	11.43	3	18	1	6
" 1950	181	13.9	166	12.7	4	22	Nil	Nil	9	50	5	28
Average 5 years 1950 - 1954.	-	13.02	-	12.96	-	-	-	-	-	22.8	--	14.8

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1955.

	M.	F.
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	1	-
Tuberculosis, other	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	1
Diphtheria	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Measles	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	7	6
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-
Diabetes	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	12	18
Coronary disease, angina	12	4
Hypertension with heart disease	-	1
Other heart disease	10	16
Other circulatory disease	2	6
Influenza	-	-
Pneumonia	3	5
Bronchitis	4	3
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	1
Congenital malformations	2	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	11	10
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-
All other accidents	1	1
Suicide	2	1
Homicide and operations of war	-	-
All causes	78	76

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

The water supply is obtained from the Irwell Valley Water Board.

Source of supply - Upland Surface.

Supplies to Houses -

From Public Mains -

Number of Dwelling Houses	4,622
Estimated number of population	12,923

From Private Supplies (Wells, Springs, etc.) -

Number of Dwelling Houses	8
Estimated number of population	37

The water supply of the area has been satisfactory, both in quality and quantity.

Examinations made by the Irwell Valley Water Board of the raw water :-

(a) Bacteriological examinations - No. 44.
Results - Unsatisfactory without treatment.

Chemical analyses - No. 12.
Results - Satisfactory.

Water going into supply, where treatment is installed -

(b) Bacteriological examinations - No. 132.
Results - Satisfactory.

Chemical analyses - No. 30.
Results - Satisfactory.

Action taken by the I.V.W.B. in respect of any form of contamination - all water is chlorinated.

Plumbo-solvent action: The water is lime-treated.

132 analyses were made with mainly satisfactory results.

Extensions of water mains: 421 yards of 3in. and 380 yards of 4in. mains for housing were laid during the year.

HOUSING ACT, 1936 - SECTION C.
AND HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954.

As a result of a representation submitted by me in October 1954, under Section 154 of the Housing Act, 1936, relative to 13 houses situated in Hillock, a Public Inquiry was held in March in consequence of objections made by certain owners. As a result of such inquiry the Ministry upheld the Council's decision.

On 13th December, representation was made by me in accordance with Section 154 of the Housing Act, 1936, in respect of 22 houses in Hillock and two in Mode Hill Lane.

(a) Milk Supply.

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949.

No. of registered distributors operating from :-

(a)	Own dairies in the district	4
(b)	Dairy farms in the district	3
(c)	Premises outside the district	10
(d)	Shops in the district other than dairies.	23

The Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949.

No. of dealers' licences (including supplementary licences) issued by local authority during 1955 in respect of :-

Turberculin Tested Milk Distribution	22

The Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949.

No. of licences issued in respect of heat-treated milk

Retail distributors :-

Pasteurised	53
Sterilised	36

Action taken by local authority in relation to samples taken :-

	No. of Samples.	RESULTS. Satis-factory.	Unsatis-factory.	No. Result
(a) Raw Milk : -				
(i) Tuberculosis-biological tests	19	(Neg.) 19	(Pos.) None	-
(ii) Methylene Blue reduction test	23	13	10	-
(iii) B.Coli. examinations	-	-	-	-
(iv) Sediment tests	-	-	-	-
(b) Heat-treated Milk :-				
(i) Tuberculosis	-	(Neg.) -	(Pos.) -	-
"Pasteurised" - (ii) Phosphatase test	27	27	-	-
(iii) Methylene Blue reduction test	20	17	3	-
"Sterilised" - (iv) Turbidity test	14	14	-	-

Results of Ministry investigations by the Divisional Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries within the district during the year arising from notifications of tuberculous milk made by any local authority :-

No. of veterinary inspections . . . . . None.

" " cases where animals seized under Tuberculosis Order, 1938 . . . . . None.

" " animals seized . . . . . None.

" " cases reported negative where animals had been sold prior to investigation . . . . . None.

" " cases reported negative, no animals seized . . . . None.

Action taken under Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949 . . . . . None.

Meat Supply.

Routine inspection of meat in shops has continued. Details are given in the Sanitary Inspector's report.

Ice Cream.

The number of premises registered for the sale or manufacture of ice cream at the close of the year was 40.

Ice cream is manufactured by two persons in the area, whilst the remaining 38 persons purchase their ice cream from wholesalers. The number of samples taken during the past year was 50. Of the 50 samples taken, 31 were classified as provisional grade 1, 6 were classified as provisional grade 2, 6 provisional grade 3, and 7 provisional grade 4. In all cases of unsatisfactory samples produced outside the area, the appropriate local authorities were notified, from whom full co-operation was received.

Bakehouses, Food Shops and Fish Fryers.

Routine inspections have been made of all the above premises throughout the year. Conditions were found to be satisfactory.

Food Poisoning.

No case of food poisoning occurred during the year.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1955.

(after corrections subsequently made either by the notifying medical practioner or by the Medical Superintendent of the Infectious Diseases Hospital.)

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.	Total cases at all ages.	Total Cases Notified. Age Periods - Years.								65 and over.
		Under 1 yr.	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	
Scarlet Fever	49	-	-	9	36	3	-	1	-	-
Measles (excl. Reubella)	179	-	39	53	82	1	-	4	-	-
Whooping Cough	5	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Paratyphoid Fever	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Dysentery	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Erysipelas	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Tuberculosis Respitory	8	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	2	-
Do. Other	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
TOTAL	251	-	41	65	118	6	4	9	5	3

DIPHTHERIA.

Year.	No. of Cases.	No. of Deaths.
1933	17	1
1934	11	Nil
1935	14	Nil
1936	17	2
1937	14	1
1938	51	2
1939	32	1
*1940	6	1
1941	3	Nil
1942	Nil	Nil
1943	Nil	Nil
1944	4	Nil
1945	5	Nil
1946	Nil	Nil
1947	1	Nil
1948	Nil	Nil
1949	Nil	Nil
1950	X 1	Nil
1951	Nil	Nil
1952	Nil	Nil
1953	Nil	Nil
1954	Nil	Nil
1955	Nil	Nil

* Immunisation Scheme started May, 1940.

X Clinical diagnosis only, not confirmed bacteriologically.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION, 1955.

1. No. of Individuals who completed a full course of primary immunisation during 1955.

AGE AT DATE OF FINAL INJECTION.									
0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	Total under 5 years.	5-	10-	Total aged 5 - 14 incl.	Total aged 15 & over.
88	41	10	1	-	140	15	5	20	-

2. No. of Individuals who were given a reinforcement injection during 1955, i.e. subsequent to complete course.

AGE GROUP.				
0-	5-	10 - 14 incl.	Total 0 - 14 incl.	Total Aged 15 & over.
5	104	10	119	2

3. No. of Children who had completed a course of primary immunisation at any time up to 31. 12. 55.

Age at 31.12.55, i.e. born in year.	Under 1 1955.	1 - 4 1951-54.	5 - 9 1946-50.	10-14 1941-45.	Total under 15.
Number immunised.	41	585	1,004	889	2,519

National Assistance Act 1948 - Section 47.

No action was deemed necessary under the above section during the year.

Administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

Inspections in regard to general hygiene, sanitary accommodation, and means of escape in case of fire, have been carried out. Close co-operation is maintained with H.M. Inspector of Factories. Details of the inspections are given in the Sanitary Inspector's Report. A report given under Section 128 of the Factories Act, 1937, is appended.

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1. - INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises (1).	Number on Register. (3)	Number		
		Inspections. (4)	Written Notices. (5)	Occupiers prosecuted. (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	10	18	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	58	48	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	-	-	-	-
	68	66	-	-

2. - CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases".)

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (7)
	Found. (3)	Remedied. (4)	Referred To H.M. Inspector. (5)	Referred By H.M. Inspector. (6)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) -					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	6	6	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	2	2	-	-	-
TOTAL	8	8	-	-	-

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE URBAN DISTRICT OF WHITEFIELD.

Health and Cleansing Department,
Town Hall,
WHITEFIELD.

August, 1956.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I have pleasure in presenting for your consideration my 27th Annual Report of the Sanitary Circumstances of the area for the year ending 31st December, 1955, whilst the section dealing with Cleansing and Rodent Control is for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1956.

During the period under review, 1,574 premises were visited, 204 nuisances or defects were found, and 174 abated. 74 Informal and 9 Statutory Notices were served.

In November, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food consented to the granting of a licence in respect of a slaughter-house at Thurston Fold which had been constructed in accordance with modern requirements. The premises are used for the purpose of slaughtering horses, and at the close of the year seven had been slaughtered. There is one other licensed slaughterhouse, but this was not used during the year.

May I express to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee, Clerk of the Council, Medical Officer of Health, Surveyor, and the staff in general, my appreciation of the assistance and co-operation shown to me during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

B. HODGSON,

Sanitary Inspector and Cleansing Superintendent.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS.

Complaints investigated	68
Bakehouses.	37
Dairies and Cowsheds	23
Slaughterhouses and Knackers Yard	49
Food Shops and Street Vendors	200
Factories	29
Smoke Observations	2
Outworkers.	4
Fried Fish Shops.	3
Dwellinghouses - Public Health Acts	50
Housing Acts	28
Infectious Diseases	52
Council Houses	68
Re-visits - Public Health Acts....	111
Housing Acts	49
Drainage Inspections...	74
Piggeries and Stables	9
Builders and Owners interviewed	12
Rodent Control	288
Work in Progress - Public Health Acts	28
Ice-cream Premises	43
Shops Act	139
Cleansing Visits	35
Miscellaneous	99
Housing Tenancy	37
Schools	7
Licensed Houses	2
Petroleum Acts	11
Housing Rents and Repairs Act	15
Works Canteens	2

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED.

	1954.	1955.
Interior of Houses -		
Ceilings and walls replastered	15	15
New Skirting Boards fixed	2	-
Floors repaired or renewed	4	5
Dampness abated	23	7
Windows repaired or renewed	14	21
New Sinks fixed	-	3
Sink waste pipes renewed or repaired	-	2
Fire Ranges repaired	4	2
Doors renewed or repaired	-	2
Brickwork repaired	3	3
Window cords renewed	4	2
Windows made to open	2	-
Adequate water supply provided	-	1
Service pipes repaired	2	-
Exterior of Houses -		
Damp-proof course inserted	-	1
Roofs repaired	8	10
Walls repointed or rendered	12	12
Chimneys repaired or rebuilt	6	11
Eaves gutters renewed or repaired	12	11
Yards repaired or re-paved	3	3
Rainwater pipes renewed	8	-
Brickwork repaired	2	3
Rainwater pipes disconnected from drain	1	1
New Doorstep fixed	-	1
Paths repaired	-	1
Drainage -		
Drains cleansed	22	18
Drains repaired	16	7
Drains re-constructed	3	1
New glazed gullies fixed	4	1
Ventilation shafts repaired	1	2
Inspection Chambers repaired	-	1
Inspection Chambers provided	1	-
Sanitary Conveniences -		
W.C. Fittings renewed or repaired	9	5
W.C. Structures repaired or rebuilt	2	6
W.C. Service Pipes repaired	5	8
Rochdale Pails renewed	3	-
W.C. Pedestals renewed	5	-
W.C. Cleansed	-	2
Miscellaneous - Dust Bins provided	4	-
Accumulations removed	4	5
Nuisance from animals	-	1

HOUSING ACT, 1936, and HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954.

Applications were received from tenants of 14 houses for Certificates of Disrepair, and in each case it was found, on inspection, such applications were justified, and the necessary certificates were accordingly granted.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 1 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1945, a report was submitted to the Health Committee in respect of 150 houses. After careful consideration it was resolved that the Ministry of Housing and Local Government be informed that the estimated number of houses unfit for human habitation, within the meaning of Section 9 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, and suitable for action under Section 11 or Section 25 of the Housing Act, 1936, is 150, and that the period which the Council thinks necessary for securing demolition of the houses is 15 years. It was estimated that 50 houses would be demolished within the first five years.

Number of New Houses Erected.

During the year 69 houses were built in the area.

(i)	By the Local Authority	42
(ii)	By other bodies or persons	27
		69

1. - Inspection of Dwellinghouses.

(1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). 78

(b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose 238

(2) Dwellinghouses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit :-

(a) Number found during year 16
(b) Number (or estimated number) at end of year 121

(3) Number of dwellinghouses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit 46

2. - Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1936, and Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954).

(1) Number of dwellinghouses demolished during the year :-

(a) Unfit houses .... None.
(b) Other houses .... None.

(2) Number of persons displaced .. .. None.

3. - Houses not included in Clearance Areas :-

	No. of Houses.	No. of Persons Displaced.
(1) Houses demolished or closed during the year :-		
(a) Housing Act, 1936 -		
(i) Demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure (Section 11).....	2	5
(ii) Closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by owners under Section 11 and still in force	None	None
(iii) Parts of building closed (Section 12)	None	None
(b) Housing Act, 1949 -		
(i) Closed as a result of closing orders under Sections 3 (1) and 3 (2)	None	None
(c) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953 -		
(i) Closed as a result of closing orders under Sections 10 (1) and 11 (2)	5	18

(2) Repairs during the year :-

(a) Unfit houses rendered unfit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts 35

(b) Public Health Acts - action after service of formal notice - houses in which defects were remedied.
(i) By owners 9
(ii) By local authority in default of owners ... None

(c) Housing Act, 1936 - action after service of formal notice (Sections 9, 10, 11 and 16).

Houses made fit -
(i) By owners ... ... None
(ii) By local authority in default of owners ... None

(2) (d) Housing Repair and Rents Act, 1954 -

Houses reconstructed, enlarged or improved and Demolition Orders revoked (Section 5) ... ... None

4. - Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Repairs and Rents Act 1954).

(1) Number of houses at end of year retained for temporary accommodation and approved for grant under Section 7. None

(2) Number of separate dwellings contained in (1) above.. None

(3) Number of houses at end of year licensed for temporary occupation (Section 6). ... ... None.

Disinfestation.

During the year two complaints were received of infestations of cockroaches, and the premises were effectively treated.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF THE FOOD SUPPLY.

The duties of safeguarding the food supply of the district have been vigorously carried out during the year. It will be observed that 287 inspections out of a total number of 1,574 were to premises where food was prepared or sold.

It is pleasing to record that full co-operation of the traders has been received generally, and that they have been ready and willing to carry out reasonable suggestions made to them for the improvement of their premises.

The approximate number of premises where food is sold is 135 and is comprised as follows :-

General grocers and provision dealers ...	39
Greengrocers and fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game, etc)	10
Fishmongers (including those selling poultry, game, etc.)	2
Meat shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and preserved meats, tripe, etc.)	17
Bakers and/or confectioners	16
Fried fish shops	9

Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice cream, etc.	20
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafés, snack bars and similar catering establishments	22

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938, Section 14.

Number and type of premises registered under the above for :-

Manufacture of meat pies	12
Preparation of cooked meats	13
Fish Frying...	9
Manufacture or sale of ice cream	40

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (GENERAL POWERS) ACT, 1951.
REGISTRATION OF HAWKERS OF FOOD.

Ten persons are registered as hawkers of food within the area of the Urban District Council, and comprise as follows :-

Fish, fruit and vegetables	5
Tripe and cooked meats...	1
Ice cream	4

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938 - 1950.

The provisions of the above Acts relating to the sampling of food for quality are administered by the Lancashire County Council.

I am indebted to Dr. S.C. Gawne, County Medical Officer of Health, for the following summary of works carried out in this district :-

A total of 69 samples was obtained, of which 45 were of milk (this total includes 10 Channel Islands milks). The 24 others comprised :-

1 Pork sausage
1 Marshmallow cream
1 Cheese spread with ham
1 Tomato juice, canned
2 Cream, canned
1 Molasses
1 Olive oil B.P.
1 Ice cream cold mix
1 Sugar
1 Demarara sugar
2 Brown sugar
1 Dandelion and burdock
1 Sauce
1 Lemon flavouring
2 Ice cream
1 Apples
2 Gravy browning
1 Orange drink
2 Dripping.

All these samples were reported by the County Analyst to be genuine with the exception of one ice cream cold mix which was found upon analysis to contain sucrose 35%. Total fat 23.5%. Castor sugar should, therefore, precede fats in the list of ingredients. The packers were communicated with in respect of this sample.

MILK SAMPLES.

The following table gives details of samples of milk taken and submitted for examination during the year.

It will be observed that ten samples of ungraded raw milk and 13 tuberculin tested were taken during the year. Of the 23 samples taken, ten failed to satisfy the methylene blue test. Of the ten unsatisfactory samples, nine were produced within the Council's area.

I am convinced that if greater supervision and care were observed at the point of production, there would be no reason whatsoever why all samples should not be satisfactory.

In the case of unsatisfactory samples, copies of the reports are forwarded to the Chief Milk Production Officer for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for the area.

One gratifying feature is that 19 samples of milk submitted for biological examination were found to be free from tuberculous infection.

TABLE OF SAMPLES OF MILK TAKEN.

Source of Supply.	No. of Samples.	Methylene Blue Test.		Phosphatase Test.		No. of samples satisfying the Turbidity Test.	T.B. Positive.	T.B. Negative.
		Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.			
Local Farmers Ungraded	10	3	7	-	-	-	-	7
Sterilised	14	-	-	-	-	14	-	-
Pasteurised	14	9	1	14	-	-	-	-
Tuberculin Tested (local)	9	7	2	-	-	-	-	9
Tuberculin Tested (Out District Farmers)	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	3
T.T. Pasteurised	13	11	2	13	-	-	-	-
TOTAL.	64	33	13	27	-	14	-	19

ICE CREAM.

There was an increase in the number of samples taken during the year and a higher percentage of provisional grade 1 than that of the previous year, which is most gratifying, particularly with the ever increasing consumption of this food especially amongst children.

Fifty samples of ice cream were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination, and the results were as follows :-

31	Provisional	Grade	1	...	...	...	...	62%
6	"	"	2	...	...	...	...	12%
6	"	"	3	...	...	...	...	12%
7	"	"	4	...	...	...	...	14%

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The following unsound foods were condemned and surrendered from shops in the area :-

14 tins of Pineapple	7 tins of Sliced Peaches
8 " " Strawberries	1 " " Grapefruit Segments
11 " " Plums	2 " " Pears
7 " " Carnation Milk	9 " " Luncheon Meat
3 " " Corned Beef	5 " " Ox Tongue
1 " " Peas	25 " " Salmon
3 " " Chopped Ham	1 " " Shoulder Ham
1 " " Chicken	2¼ lb. of Cow Heel
1¼ lb. " Tripe	4 " " Roast Pork
1 lb. 13oz. of Lamb	12 " 13 oz. of Brisket
5 " 14 " " Pork	6 " 9 " " Raw Ham
3 " 11 " " Veal	9 oz. of Luncheon Meat.
1 " 3 " Corned Beef.	

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There are two slaughterhouses in the area, one of which is used for the slaughtering of horses.

KNACKER'S YARD

There is one knacker's yard in the area, which has been satisfactorily maintained.

BAKEHOUSES

Thirty-seven inspections were made to the thirteen bakehouses in the area, which were found to be maintained satisfactorily.

SHOPS ACT, 1950.

At the request of the County Council, this Council agreed to your Sanitary Inspector carrying out the inspectorial duties which the County Council are required to administer under the provisions of the above Act, in addition to the duties for which the Local Authority is responsible.

All reports relative to inspections carried out are forwarded to the County Medical Officer of Health, whose staff carry out the administrative duties appertaining thereto.

The following is a summary of work carried out during the year :-

Month	Inspections
March	32
April	7
June	8
September	6
October	60
November	19
December	7
Total ..	139

There was no contravention of this Act during the year.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

The following table gives details of Sanitary Accommodation in the area on the 31st December, 1955 :-

Privy Closets...	24	Fresh Water Closets.	4593
Pail Closets....	62	Waste Water Closets.	70
Privy Middens...	10	Dust Bins	4814

REGISTER OF FACTORIES

Bleachers, Dyers and Finishers, etc. ...	6
Bakehouses	13
Confectioners	2
Gas Appliances	1
Towel and Tape Weaving	4
Joiners and Builders	13
Plumbers	8
Cycle Repairs	1
Plastics	1
Plaster Casts	1
Electrical Repairs	1
Blacksmiths	1
Metal Crafts.	1
Weaving	1
Furniture Manufacturers, etc..	4
Motor Engineers	3
Tailors and Pressers	3
Rubber Works	1
Boot Repairers, etc.	6
Clothing Manufacturers..	1
Wood Turning	1
Boot Lace Finishing	1
Paper Cutting	1
Fibre Dressing	1

INFESTATION ORDER, 1943.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1943.

The work of rodent control during the past year received the full attention of the Department, and much time and energy has been devoted to this very important section of its work. The success of this work is greatly dependent upon receiving the full co-operation of the public, and in this direction the inhabitants of the district have been very prompt in notifying the Department of the first signs of an infestation.

There are two employees trained in the recognised technique of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and their services are available for dealing with any infestations which may occur. There is a free service in respect of treatment of private dwellings, but any treatment carried out at business premises is charged to the occupier. Certain business firms in the area employ private contractors to carry out the work of disinfestation. Many of the farmers in the area have annual contracts with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for dealing with any rodent infestation on their premises.

It was not possible during the year to carry out the usual sewer treatments. One full treatment was carried out, and a further treatment was in progress at the 31st March. Labour difficulties were the cause of this.

The number of manholes baited on the first treatment was 515, and the number of partial takes was 292.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY. Non-Agricultural.				
	Local Authority.	Dwelling-houses.	All other (inc. Business Premises.	Total.	Agricultural.
1. Number of properties in Local Authority's District.	8	4526	193	4727	18
2. Number of properties inspected as a result of :-					
Notification	-	46	11	57	-
Survey under the Act..	8	16	-	24	18
Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)..	-	-	-	-	-
3. Total inspections carried out, including re-inspections.	9	155	70	234	54
4. Number of properties inspected (in Sect.11) which were found to be infested by :-					
Rats. (Minor)	1	30	7	38	-
Mice. (Minor)	1	16	4	21	-
5. Number of infested properties (in Sect.4) treated by the Local Authority.	2	46	11	59	-
6. Total treatments carried out - including re-treatments.	4	46	11	61	-
7. Legal Proceedings.	None	None	None	None	None
8. Number of "Block" control schemes carried out.	None	None	None	None	None

The following table gives details of business premises treated :-

No. of Premises.	Hours.	Materials. Oatmeal.	Materials. Warfarin.	Cost.
11	25½	25 lb. 3 oz.	1 lb. 7 oz.	£7. 3. 1d.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

There are no premises in the area used for the manufacture of rag flock or other filling materials, but one is registered for the use of filling material.

MOVABLE DWELLINGS.

There are no camping or caravan sites in the area.

STORAGE OF PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM SPIRIT.

Fifteen licences were granted for the keeping of Petroleum, to which the Petroleum Acts apply. Three licences were granted for the keeping of Cellulose Solution.

GAME ACT. 1831.

One licence to deal in game was granted by the Council.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

The Council is a member of the Manchester and District Regional Smoke Abatement Committee, and the representatives are Councillor Mrs. Wragby, the Medical Officer of Health, and the Sanitary Inspector.

The Council also take part in the joint scheme No. 2 for the investigation of Atmospheric Pollution. For this purpose louvred cover lead peroxide cylinder instruments are situated in the grounds of the Cricket Field and Sewage Works.

Though only two timed observations were taken during the year, several visits were made to factories and discussions have

taken place with the Works Managers, Engineers and Boiler Firemen. Close co-operation is maintained with industrial firms with a view to combating the smoke nuisance.

PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICE.

The subject matter of this report deals with the financial year ending 31st March, 1956.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

This work is carried out by 1 - 10 cubic yard Freighter with six loaders employed full time, and 1 - 9 cubic yard Fordson Jekta with driver and one loader employed approximately two days a week.

The following table gives details of work carried out during 1954-55 and 1955-56 :-

	Bins emptied.	Pails emptied.	Privies emptied.	Loads.
1954-55. ...	214,962	2,392	25	1,478
1955-56. ...	158,886	2,263	25	1,551

Difficulty was experienced in maintaining what could be considered an efficient collection service, this being due to several factors beyond the control of the Department. One was the insufficiency and changes of staff, which has rarely been up to full strength; another that the quality of household fuel has been such as to give a heavy ash content resulting in an increase in the weight of refuse to be collected. This may be appreciated from the above table.

Though the Refuse Collection Service was not all that was desired, it is felt that if the public would give greater co-operation, a better service could be achieved. Much of the refuse we are called upon to collect could without difficulty be disposed of on the kitchen fire, and if the public would refrain from putting garden refuse into their bins the number of bins collected per day would show a considerable increase.

KITCHEN WASTE.

The amount of kitchen waste collected was 160 tons 19 cwts. which was a reduction of 40 tons as against the previous year. This decrease in weight was due to the removal of the majority of communal bins from the streets.

DUST BIN MAINTENANCE SERVICE.

The above scheme, which was inaugurated in June 1950, has been found of great value to the Department insomuch that dilapidated dust bins can be replaced immediately without the necessity of serving informal or statutory notices.

Since the inception of the scheme, 2,007 bins have been replaced, 448 of which were replaced during the present financial year at a cost to the Department of £700. 1. 10d.

SALVAGE.

The Council's salvage scheme continued to function throughout the year and no difficulty was experienced in disposing of materials collected.

The Council wish to express their thanks to the Salvage Stewards who have assiduously carried out this important task; also to the public who have readily responded to the appeals made for salvage. It is felt, however, that if we could have one-hundred per cent co-operation the figures would show a considerable increase, as it is still found that a large quantity of salvage material is finding its way into the dust bins.

The amount of revenue received from salvage for the ten years ending March 1955 was £18,804. 13. 4d., of which £9,811. 5. 1d. was received from waste paper and £5,183. 12. 3d. from kitchen waste. The remaining revenue was received from rags, scrap metal and other salvage materials.

The following table gives details of salvage collected with revenue received for the year ending 31st March, 1956 :-

REVENUE FROM SALES OF RESIDUALS

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lb.			
Baled Waste Paper ...	151	4	-	7	£1,256.	15.	2.
Rags	1	8	1	15	29.	16.	0.
Kitchen Waste	160	19	-	-	615.	10.	4.
Woollens	-	-	3	19	5.	3.	0.
Aluminium.	-	2	-	6	5.	15.	0.
Scrap Iron	5	3	-	-	4.	16.	9.
					£1,917.	16.	3.